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SHANG-HAI COAL SUPPLY NOW ADEQUATE;
TRADE CHANNELS AGAIN ACTIVE

RR SUPPLIES COAL TO SHANG-HAI -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 16 Nov 49

Shang-hai, 3 November (HCHN) -- During the most critical period of its coal shortage, due mainly to the Nationalist blockade, Shang-hai was reduced to a bare 2 day's supply of fuel. Wholesale cooperation and perseverance, plus the reopening of the southern branch of the T'ien-ching--P'u-K'ou Railroad, however, have assured the city of a continuous coal supply and built up its reserve stocks.

At the end of September 1949, Shang-hai had on hand about 164,000 tons, and this reserve has been augmented by almost daily shipments from the Hsu-chou mines. It is estimated that for the maintenance of its industry and public utilities, the city requires about 160,000 tons per month.

HAI-K'OU BECOMES NATIONALIST SHIPPING CENTER -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 28 Oct 49

Hai-k'ou -- The Nationalist headquarters for the blockading of shipping around the port of Kuang-chou (Canton) is now located in Hai-k'ou on the island of Hainan.

The Kuang-chou Shipping Bureau, which moved to Chung-shan, is now planning to move to Hai-k'ou also.

3 SHIPS ON REGULAR HONG KONG--T'IENTSING RUN -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 29 Oct 49

Three steamships, the Po-yang, the Hu-nan, and the Hsin-chiang, belonging to the T'ai-ku (Taikoo) China Navigation Company are scheduled to sail from Hong Kong to North China around the end of October 1949. Heretofore, only the Po-yang and the Hu-nan were running on this line, but as a result of their voyages to T'ientsing, commercial circles in both places feel that trade between the two areas may be increased still more. Accordingly, the T'ai-ku China Navigation Company is adding another ship, the SS Hsin-chiang, to this run.

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SAILING BOATS CARRY ON TRADE -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 4 Nov 49

Hong Kong, 27 October -- The Nationalist blockade can not completely seal off the coastal trade between Hong Kong and the liberated areas. Although regular shipping between Hong Kong and Shan-t'ou (Swatow) has not yet been resumed, the merchants in Hong Kong are continuing trade between these two places with sailing boats having a load capacity of from 500 to 1,000 tan [one tan equals 133 1/3 pounds].

MCC ESTABLISHES TRADE BUREAU IN KUANG-CHOU -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 19 Nov 49

The Finance and Economic Take-Over Committee of the Kuang-chou Military Control Commission has organized a South China Trading Bureau to encourage foreign trade. In the near future this bureau will be opened to the public.

In order that factories may import raw material and manufacturers may export their finished products, temporary import-export rules will be established prior to the promulgation of the import-export regulations.

Representatives of the Military Control Commission and Hong Kong and Kuang-chou businessmen met recently in Kuang-chou to discuss prospects for business.

ABOLITION OF IMPORT TAX ON RAW COTTON -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 17 Nov 49

Pei-p'ing, 10 November (NCHA) -- To meet the production demands of privately owned cotton mills, the Finance-Economic Committee of the Central People's Government decided that, henceforth, privately owned factories which request the importation of raw cotton must be prepared to exchange for it cotton cloth or cotton yarn for exportation. This is to encourage the influx of foreign exchange. Under these conditions the factories will be exempt from the import tax on raw cotton.

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